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Remarks

This Amendment is responsive to the November 2, 2006 Final Office Action. Applicant has amended paragraph [0027] of the specification to overcome the 35 U.S.C. 101 rejection of claim 17. Thus, applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of claim 17. Applicant has amended claim 16 to address a minor typographic error. Rejected claims 1, 2, 6, 10, 11, and 15 have been cancelled. Applicant respectfully requests that allowed claims 3-5, 7-9, 12-14, and 16 proceed to issuance.

Summary of The Office Action

Claim 17 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. 101 because the claimed invention is directed to non-statutory subject matter. Paragraph [0027] of the specification has been amended to overcome this rejection.

Claims 1-2, 6, 10-11, and 15 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Sano et al., US 6,941,406 B2. These claims have been cancelled.

Claims 1-2 and 10-11 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Quach et al., US 6,711,653 B1. These claims have been cancelled.

Claims 3-5, 7-9, 12-14, and 16 were allowed. Claim 16 has been amended to correct a typographic error.

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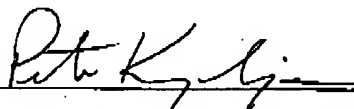
35 U.S.C. §101

Claims 17 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. §101 as being directed to non-statutory subject matter. Paragraph [0027] has been amended to overcome this rejection by removing the inclusion of "transmission media" (e.g., electromagnetic radiation) as part of the definition of a computer-readable medium. Thus Applicant respectfully requests entry of the amendment and allowance of claim 17.

Conclusion

For the reasons set forth above, applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of claim 17 and that the allowed claims proceed to issuance.

Respectfully submitted,



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